Help Women Work: Teaching Professional Skills to Afghan Women

VIRTUAL STUDENT FOREIGN SERVICE

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Project Title	Help Women Work: Teaching Professional Skills to Afghan Women
Project Summary	Create and implement a 5-workshop series of virtual trainings that teach basic workplace skills to young Afghan women.
Country	Afghanistan
Agency	Department of State
DoS Office	N/A
Post	KABUL
Section	PAS
Number of Interns	2

Project Description

Many Afghan women never receive training in basic workplace skills, such as resume writing, working on a team, or professional communications. As a result they struggle to compete in Afghanistan's competitive job market.

This program, modeled after the "She Skills" program, will provide a 5-part series of virtual workshops on basic workplace skills. The intern will, in conjunction with an Afghan colleague working at the U.S. Embassy, develop and implement the entire program. The intern may teach classes or recruit other presenters to teach specific workshops.

Participants will be female students and young professionals located throughout Afghanistan. The will participate via the Lincoln Learning Centers, a 23-city network of embassy-sponsored educational centers spread throughout the country. The U.S. Embassy will provide translation during the workshops.

Desired Skills Interests

Additional Information

The intern will have wide latitude to develop the program, and should be creative, organized, a strong communicator, and capable of operating with limited supervision or guidance. Dari or Pashto fluency are very helpful, but not necessary in order to carry out this project succesfully.

The intern's supervisor will be an American Foreign Service Officer, but most day-to-day communicatoin will be with English-speaking Afghan colleagues at the U.S. Embassy and at the Lincoln Learning Centers.

Language Requirements

Language	Speaking Proficiency	Reading Proficiency	Importance
Persian-Dari	Minimum professional proficiency	Minimum professional proficiency	Nice to Have
Pashto	Minimum professional proficiency	Minimum professional proficiency	Nice to Have